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> PETITION TO REVIVE PATENT APPLICATION UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

> > CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the following papers are being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 571-273-2885 on Dec. 29

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their Attorney, hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents to revive the above identified application in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The above identified application became unintentionally abandoned on or about 12/14/2005, as a result of an inadvertent error by failure to timely and properly reply to an Office Action from the U.S. Patent Office.

In connection with the abandonment of the above identified application, the delay was unintentional, and this Petition is being filed within one year of the date of abandonment and properly signed Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment are enclosed.

Please charge the Deposit Account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668, with the amount sufficient to revive the above identified application.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668. This form is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Holloway

Attorney for Applicants

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Texas Instruments Incorporated P.O. Box 655474, MS 3999 Dallas, TX 75265 (281) 274-4064 Dated: 29 December 2005

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AFFIDAVIT BY WILLIAM W. HOLLOWAY IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION TO REVIVE

William W. Holloway states that:

He is a Patent Attorney licensed to practice before the U.S. Patent Office having Registration Number 26, 182;

He is employed by Texas Instruments Incorporated as a Patent Attorney in Houston Texas;

The principal Patent Law Office of Texas Instruments Incorporated is in Dallas Texas;

All correspondence from the U.S. Patent Office is mailed to the Dallas Law Office;

Correspondence related to items being handled in the Houston Law Office is forwarded to the Houston Office;

Since William W. Holloway joined the Houston Law Office approximately 5 years ago, this method of handling correspondence from the U.S. Patent Office relating to matters originating in the Houston Law Office has proven efficient and effective;

At some time in the summer of 2005, I became aware of a possible problem in correspondence with the U.S. Patent Office;

This awareness of a possible problem came to my attention when, over the period of few months, I received calls from 3 U.S. Patent Office Examiner's alerting me to non-responses with respect to Office Actions extending beyond six months;

Because of the number of non-responses, 3 over a few months, this matter became of some concern; however, I decided to wait to receive the Notices of Abandonment and take appropriate action;

After a period time, I realized that the Notices of Abandonment had not been received in the Houston law Office.

Upon review of current activity as a result of my failure to receive these Notices, it became apparent that my amendment activity did not reflect the number of Patent Applications filed annually from the Houston law Office;

The Dallas Law Office was contacted when this problem crystallized;

We discovered a major flaw had developed between what was being received from the U.S. Patent Office in the Dallas Law Office related to Houston Law Office activity and what was being forwarded to the Houston Law Office;

This flaw had developed in a procedure that had worked reliably for several years in the past;

Prior to the development of the flaw, I was treated for a pulmonary embolism complicated by atrial fibrillation in September of 2003;

Since that time I have been distracted both by the original problems and by the complications derived therefrom;

By way of specific example, I spent a week in April in 2005, in the Whittaker Wellness Institute in Newport Beach, California and am currently being treated by the Life Celebrating Health Association Clinic in Humble, Texas;

By way of further example, in response to Physician recommendations, I am taking 46 pharmaceutical and nutritional pills every day, inhaling oxygen every night, receiving a nutritional shot three times a week, taking 4 powdered supplements every day, and an inhalant twice a day;

This amount of medical attention, as well as the conditions being treated resulted in distractions that compromised my ability to identify the communication problem at an earlier stage;

Furthermore, in the spring Texas Instrument Incorporated had a major product introduction. To complement this introduction, a

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major effort was undertaken by the Patent Department to identify and file Provisional Applications for related inventions. This effort, including evaluating the filed Provisional Applications, extended until the end of August, providing a further distraction to identifying and addressing the problem of communication between the Dallas Law Office and the Houston Law Office.

In any event, communication between the Dallas and the Houston Offices has been expanded and now the identification of the materials transmitted there between is provided by separate transmission;

In addition, provision has been made so that the entire Texas Instrument Docket is available to the Houston Office;

The attached Notice of Abandonment for the above-identified U.S. Patent Application is an Office Action from the U.S. Patent Office for which there is no record of receipt in the Houston Law Office;

At no time was any consideration given to not proceeding to the issuance of the filed U.S. Patent Application; and

In view of the foregoing facts, the non-Payment of the Issue Fee of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application was unintentional and without deceptive intent.

Now Therefore,

In view of the foregoing facts, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified U.S. Patent Application be revived, the payment of the Issue Fee be accepted, and the above-identified Patent Application be moved to issue.

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Dolores S. Aguilar states that:

I am an Administrative Assistant in the Houston Law Office of Texas Instruments Incorporated;

In this position, I am responsible for the receipt of and processing of communications from the U.S. Patent Office that have been forwarded to the Houston Law Office from the Dallas Law Office of Texas Instruments Incorporated;

The procedure for processing communications since May 2005 has been as follows;

Correspondence from the U.S. Patent Office is mailed to the Dallas Law Office;

Correspondence from the U.S. patent Office related to matters being handled in the Houston Office is then forwarded to the Houston Law Office;

Upon receipt of correspondence from the U.S. Patent Office, I would retrieve the related file;

A form appropriate to the correspondence would be prepared and, along with the related file and the U.S. Patent Office communication, placed on a counter top in clear view of the patent attorney's office;

In this manner, the responses that were to be prepared were ready visible and available permitting the work to be prioritized by the patent attorney;

This system has been in place since approximately May of 2000 and, until recently, has proven eminently satisfactory;

Recently, when expected communications from the U.S. Patent Office did not arrive in Houston, the transmission of communications from the Dallas Law Office to the Houston Law Office was examined closely;

It was found that for several months, communications from the U.S. Patent Office had not been transmitted from the Dallas Law Office to the Houston Law Office;

Because of the lack of receipt in the Houston Law Office, numerous cases have become inadvertently abandoned because of a flaw that developed in a previously reliable system;

One of the abandoned cases is the subject of present Petition to Revive;

This U.S. Patent Application, as with the other U.S., Patent Applications, became unintentionally abandoned through inadvertence and without deceptive intent;

It was never the intention to abandon this U.S. Patent Application or any of the other U.S. Patent Application that became abandoned during this time period.

Dolores S. Aguilar

Dated: 29 December 2005

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